

EDUCATION MATTERS

The Official Newsletter of The College of Education and Behavioral Science



FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

By Dr. Mary Jane Bradley

As this newsletter was being prepared for print, we received notification from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) that the College of Education and Behavioral Science Education Preparation Provider (EPP) had been granted continuous national accreditation at the initial licensure level. Excitement is in the air! Celebration time is near. I extend my appreciation to the CAEP Coordinator, Dr. Joanna Grymes, the CAEP Steering Committee, and to the EPP faculty for their commitment to excellence in educator preparation accreditation. National accreditation, recognition of the excellence of our programs, is of significant importance to us. We are now waiting anxiously to hear about our CACREP self-study for the Clinical Mental Health Program. Many thanks to Drs. Asher Pimpleton-Gray, Lacy Overley, Kasie Lee, Sharon Davis, and Kris Biondolillo.

We are proud that we have many programs in the college that exemplify high standards for students. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the wonderful happenings of the college in this newsletter.

Best Regards,

Mary Jane Bradley, Dean



HONORS BANQUET

The College of Education and Behavioral Science recognized 20 outstanding graduating students for 2017-2018 during a Convocation of Scholars awards ceremony, according to Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Dean of the college.

The Chancellor's Scholar award for highest overall grade point in the college was presented to Kathryn Pruiett of Wynne.

Danielle Farmer of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Hannah Stewart of Batesville, and Kelsey Washburn of Kennett, Missouri, along with Ms. Pruiett, received the 4.0 Graduate Award for completing their degree programs with a perfect grade point average.

The Departmental awards are presented during Convocation of Scholars to the graduate in each degree program who has most excelled in scholarship, leadership and service to the department. Those receiving awards and their respective degree programs, by department:

Department of Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Special Education:

Richard O'Connell of Searcy, EdD in educational leadership; Amy Zluticky of Rogers, MSE in special education; Erin Rogers Odom of Jonesboro, EdS in educational leadership; Kristen Sumler of Cabot, BSE in special education.

Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences:

Collin Wilkerson of Hermitage, BSE in physical education; Lindsey Trussell of Maumelle, BS in exercise science; Erin Carson of Jonesboro, BS in health promotion; Erin Nunan of Falls Church, Virginia, BS in sport management.

Department of Psychology and Counseling:

Casondra Allen of Jonesboro, EdS, clinical mental health counseling; Chris Williams of Brookland, EdS in school psychology; Olivia Hitchcock-Smith of Jonesboro, MS in psychological science; Alyssa Ragsdale of Mountain View, BS in psychology.

Department of Teacher Education:

Alexandria Tanner of Loveland, Colorado, MSE in reading; Butch Hamlett of Paragould, MAT in middle-level education; Caroline Chalupka of Little Rock, BSE in elementary education; Brianne Brown of Conway, BSE in middle-level education.

The Dean, Dr. Mary Jane Bradley and the Associate Dean, Dr. Lance G. Bryant recognized the following students for their outstanding academic achievements.

COEBS Chancellor and 4.0 Scholar Recipients



4.0 Scholar, Hannah Stewart

Not Pictured: Danielle Farmer



Chancellor's Scholar and 4.0 Scholar,
Kathryn Pruiett



Hannah Stewart, Kathryn Pruiett and Kelsey Washburn



4.0 Scholar, Kelsey Washburn

*Program Award Recipients
Department of Educational Leadership, Curriculum &
Special Education*



Richard O'Connell

Not Pictured: Amy Zluticky



Erin Rogers Odom, Richard O'Connell &
Kristen Sumler



Erin Rogers Odom

*Program Award Recipients
Department of Health, Physical Education & Sport
Sciences*



Lindsey Trussell



Erin Carson



Erin Nunan



Collin Wilkerson



Collin Wilkerson, Lindsey Trussell, Erin Carson and Erin Nunan

*Program Award Recipients
Department of Psychology and Counseling*



Olivia Hitchcock-Smith



Chris Williams



Alyssa Ragsdale



Collin Wilkerson, Lindsey Trussell, Erin Carson and Erin Nunan



Casondra Allen

*Program Award Recipients
Department of Teacher Education*



Butch Hamlett



Caroline Chalupka



Brienne Brown

Not Pictured: Alexandria Tanner



Butch Hamlett, Brienne Brown, and Caroline Chalupka

Congratulations to our Award Recipients!

Outstanding Achievement Recognition

Congratulations to Ms. Sandra Hawkins, Dr. Dixie Keyes, and Ms. Brianne Brown! The Undergraduate Studies Recognition Ceremony was part of Convocation of Scholars month at A-State. Ms. Sandra Hawkins, First Year Experience Instructor, was honored for her exemplary work with first-year education students. Graduating Senior, Ms. Brianne Brown and Dr. Dixie Keyes were awarded Creative Commons Impact Team medallions for the TRIAD Makerspace Community Impact project (year one).



Sandra Hawkins



Dixie Keyes and Brianne Brown

Gilman International Scholarship

We are proud to share that one of the two winners of the Gilman International Scholarship for Summer 2018 study abroad have been announced and, we are excited to let you know that Ms. Alyssa Green, a senior from Sheridan, Arkansas is an Elementary Education major at A-State. Following graduation, she plans to pursue a master's degree in Special Education with an emphasis in gifted and talented.

Alyssa is Treasurer of the National Panhellenic Council at A-State and a member of Alpha Gamma Delta. She is a member of the Honors College and was also awarded the Honors Experience Grant and the el Centro Panamericano de Idiomas Shelby Rhodes Memorial Scholarship.

Alyssa's Gilman Scholarship will help fund her participation in A-State's Costa Rica study abroad program for Spanish language immersion this summer under the guidance of Professor Claudio Eduardo.

The Gilman International Scholarship is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and is one of the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships. The goal of the program is to enable students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, thereby gaining skills critical to national security and economic competitiveness.

Marion School District Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs. Kristen Warner Catt on being selected as the 2018 Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Catt has taught at Avondale Elementary and now the Marion Visual and Performing Arts Magnet. She is a graduate of ASUMS.



College, Department & Program News

Dr. John D. Hall (right), Chris Williams, **Dr. Kris Biondolillo** and **Dr. Craig Jones** prepared a presentation for the Midsouth Educational Research Association (MSERA) annual meeting in Starkville, Mississippi on their study of student scholarship recipients' perceptions of charitable giving. Williams is a graduate student in the Ed.S. school psychology program; Hall (who presented the study), Biondolillo and Jones are Professors in Psychology and Counseling.



Dr. John D. Hall, James and Wanda Lee Vaughn Endowed Professor in psychology and counseling, was recently selected to join the editorial review board of the peer-reviewed journal *School Psychology Forum: Research in Practice*, published by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). The professional journal focuses on promoting and disseminating research-to-practice scholarship that benefits school psychologists in their clinical practices.

Dr. John D. Hall, Professor of Psychology and Counseling and holder of the James and Wanda Lee Vaughn Endowed Professorship, and former colleague Dr. Gerald Gill Strait presented their peer-reviewed scholarship in Chicago at the Trainers of School Psychologists National Conference on Contemporary Issues in School Psychology and Education. Their topic was "Recruiting School Psychology Program Applicants: Internal and External Strategies for Trainers and Programs."



A manuscript by **Dr. Sharon Davis**, Associate Professor of Counseling, and one of her students, Ariel Nations, has been published in the peer-reviewed *Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Journal*. In the article, Davis and Nations discuss how service animals differ from emotional support animals. They also provide rehabilitation counselors with a review of federal laws covering the rights of persons in need of emotional support animals.

Dr. Christopher S. Peters, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was an invited speaker at the Texas A&M University-Texarkana's Program for Learning and Community Engagement. His lecture, titled "Forensic Evidence-Based Practices: The Reciprocal Relationship between Psychological Science and Law," touched on a series of famous court cases, the research spawned by those cases, and the current procedural recommendations based on that research.





Dr. Julie Lamb-Milligan, Professor of Gifted Education, works with the Jonesboro Math and Science Magnet School to identify advanced learners for the summer enrichment program, "Flowering Minds Grow on a STEM." She and colleagues also train teachers to look for scholarship potential in advanced learners. In July, master's degree candidates will set up the camp and work with students on STEM-based lessons that encourage creative and critical thinking.

DuBoise, B., Griffin, M., Hurst, A. and **Pearce, A.R.** presented *Creation of an Interactive Lab Manual for a Neuroscience Course in an Undergraduate Psychology Program*, at the Association for Psychological Science Convention in San Francisco, CA.

Lands, K., Burgess, M. and **Yanowitz, K. L.** presented *College Students' Experiences with Pranking and Bullying*, at the Association for Psychological Science Convention in San Francisco, CA.

Pearce, A.R., Yanowitz, K.L. and Grippo, A.A. presented *Attendee interactions in STEM at a Science Festival in the Mid-South*, at the Association for Psychological Science Convention in San Francisco, CA.

Roberts, J., **Biondolillo, K.**, Yarbrough, G., and Brittingham, R. presented *The Impact of Reinforcement Contingency on Interresponse Time Variability in Rats*, at the Association for Psychological Science Convention in San Francisco, CA.

Yanowitz, K.L., Grippo, A.A., Siegfried, D., Guzman, **McGregor, L.**, and Caraway, P. presented *Students Helping Students: A Near-Peer University Mentoring Program in STEM*, at the Association for Psychological Science Convention in San Francisco, CA.

Hale, K., Mitchell, S., Pride, K., Doane, E., and **Yanowitz, K.L.** presented *Reactions to "Pranking": Perceptions of Practical Jokes as a Function of Relationship*, at the Association for Psychological Science Convention in San Francisco, CA.

Berry, S.D., A-State graduate student, presented *Moral Influences Scale: Short-Form Development via Item Response Theory*, at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention in Houston, TX.

McGregor, L., DuBar, L. Matsuo, H., and May, J. presented *The Benefits of Undergraduate Research: Students Tell All!*, at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention in Houston, TX.



McGregor, L., Jones, B. Monteforte, A., DuBar, L., May, J., King, H., Lane, L., and Matsuo, H. presented *Encouraging and educating imposters in an effort to increase self-awareness* at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention in Houston, TX.

Wilkinson, W.W. and **Biondolillo, K.** presented *God Owes Me Success: Development of the Prosperity Gospel Beliefs Scale* at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention in Houston, TX.

Wilkinson, W.W., DuBar, L., Berry, S.D., and Garner, Z. presented *The Measurement and Meaning of Limerence: Scale Development and Construct Validation* at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention in Houston, TX.

Wilkinson, W.W., DuBar, L., Berry, S.D., and Garner, Z. presented *Crazy in Love or Just Crazy? Limerence and Psychological Maladjustment* at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention in Houston, TX.

Hitchcock-Smith, O.K. and **Peters, C.S.** presented *Jury Decision-Making and Graphic Evidence: The Effects of Auditory vs. Visual Presentation* at the American Psychology-Law Society in Memphis, TN.

Hatvany, T., **Curtis, J.** and Burkley, E. presented *The Willpower Contingency Scale: Assessing Individual Variability in the Importance of Self-Control* at Society for Personality and Social Psychology in Atlanta, GA.

Bell, A.C. and **Curtis, J.** presented *Intent, Harm, and Racism (but not sexism) Influence Moral and Legal Judgments* at the American Psychology-Law Society in Memphis, TN.

Brock, C. *Affordable versus for Profit Clinics: Cultural Adaptation towards Hispanic Patients* presented at the Mid-South Psychology Conference in Memphis, TN.

Garner, Z.J., DuBar, L., **Wilkinson, W.W.**, and Berry, S.D. presented *An Independent Psychometric Evaluation of the Hate Crime Beliefs Scale* at the American Psychology-Law Society in Memphis, TN.

Curtis, J., Hatvany, T. and Burkley, E. presented *Lead us not into Temptation: Development of the Seven Sins Inventory* at Society for Personality and Social Psychology in Atlanta, GA.

Campos, H.C. and Hertzberg, H. presented *Topographical Responding After Selection-Based Instruction with College Students* at the TxABA Regional Conference on Behavior Analysis in Houston, TX.



Jackson, M., **Peters, C.S.** and Smith, O. presented *How Many Witnesses Are Sufficient?* at the American Psychology-Law Society in Memphis, TN.

Stalnaker, C. **and Peters, C.S.** presented *Puppy Dog Eyes: Courthouse Dog's Effect on Jury Decision Making* at the American Psychology-Law Society in Memphis, TN.

Lee, K. presented *Basics of Group Play Therapy: Why & How* at the Association for Specialists in Group Work Annual Conference in Savannah, GA.

Hall, J.D. and Strait, G.G., presented *Recruiting School Psychology Program Applicants: Internal and External Strategies for Trainers and Programs* at the Trainers of School Psychologists (TSP) Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Cole, C., Foster, W., Martins, A., Schade, C. Williams, L., and **Johnson, K.N.** presented *Data Based Decision Making: Tools of the Trade Celeration vs Standard Graphing* at the Louisiana School Psychology Association in Lafayette, LA.

Tyler, B., Firsick, B., Saldivar, S. Baxter, L., Williams, L., Thielemier, L., and **Johnson, K.N.** presented *Perception of Barriers and Skills Necessary for Advocating* at the Louisiana School Psychology Association in Lafayette, LA.

Farewells

Dr. Craig Jones, Professor of Psychology and Counseling, retired at the end of the fall 2017 semester. Dr. Jones spent more than 40 years serving Arkansas State University, the College of Education and Behavioral Science, and the Department of Psychology and Counseling. He came to Arkansas State University on a one-year contract in 1977.



Although Dr. Jones worked primarily in the undergraduate program, he served a number of graduate programs as well. He helped create a program in College Student Personnel Services, and helped both the School Psychology Program and the School Counseling Program obtain national accreditation. He published numerous articles, many of which were coauthored by colleagues and students. His primary research focused on improving student learning. He served two terms in the Faculty Senate including one year as its Vice Chair. Dr. Jones also served on the editorial board of several journals.

Dr. Jones most enjoyed teaching and advising students. The son of a high school dropout and a poor Florida farm girl, he understood the importance of a good education for improving one's life. He wanted to share those benefits with students of northeast Arkansas.

Dr. Jones and his teddy bear, George, plan a quiet retirement reading detective novels, studying Welsh language and culture, and playing computer baseball simulations based on old time major league teams. Mostly, however, he wants to watch Jaxton (age 7), Harley (age 6), and Lexy (age 7) grow up for as long as possible.

Dr. John Beineke, Distinguished Professor of Educational Leadership, Curriculum and History, retired from Arkansas State University December 31, 2017. During his tenure at Arkansas State he served as Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Science from 1999 to 2009. From 2009 until his retirement in 2017, Dr. Beineke served as Distinguished Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Special Education and had a joint appointment as professor in the Department of History.



Prior to his tenure at Arkansas State University, Dr. Beineke served as Associate Director, Kellogg National Leadership Program and Program Director in Higher Education and Youth, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Michigan. He also served as dean in the colleges of education at Kennesaw State University and the University of Evansville.

Dr. Beineke's educational career spanned forty-five years in which he taught in both public schools and higher education. Over the years Dr. Beineke provided a wealth of knowledge to the students he taught, as well as playing the role of mentor to many. His positive influence impacted a significant number of students over the years and played an integral part in shaping their futures. He is a native of Marion, Indiana.

Connecting in our Community

Ready2Teach

Ready2Teach is designed for college-bound students who have completed their junior or senior year by June 2018. This program especially seeks future teachers interested in teaching in critical shortage subjects such as Computer Science, Mathematics, Music, Science, Spanish, and Special Education. Rising juniors with exceptional academic standing will be considered as well. Students from diverse backgrounds as well as males are particularly encouraged to apply.

On June 7th, Dr. Jeremy Owoh, Assistant Commissioner for Educator Effectiveness from the Arkansas Department of Education conversed with them about the impact of a teacher. Jeff Dryer, Teacher Recruitment and Retention Program Advisor from the Arkansas Department of Education shared the teaching career toolbox. Rusty Young, A-State Rural STEM Education Center Director, worked with the students using STEM teaching tools.

For more information, contact Dr. Audrey Bowser at (870) 972-2099, abowser@astate.edu or Dr. Kimberley Davis at (870) 972-3062, kimberleydavis@astate.edu

Reading Initiative for Student Excellence (RISE)

The Education Renewal Zone sponsored its 2nd Annual "Reading with the Stars of Jonesboro" on May 3rd at Fox Meadow Elementary School. This project promotes the Reading Initiative for Student Excellence initiative, is a partnership with the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library and the local school site. Special readers this year included Christie Matthews, Jonesboro Radio Group personality, A-State football and volleyball players and our very own Dr. Beverly Boals Gilbert, Professor of Teacher Education. The students attending got to meet Howl and Scarlet and received complimentary books from the library.

Meeting and Greeting

Recruitment Activities

Visits to regional high schools are just a few of the activities the College of Education and Behavioral Science participate in to recruit A-State future students. Below are pictures of high school students our college advisor had the pleasure to visit with.



Students at McClellan High School in Little Rock



Students at Jacksonville High School in Jacksonville

Ms. Sandra Hawkins, pictured below on the right, visited A-State Beebe Transfer Expo in Beebe on March 6, 2018.



Making Connections

Students in Ms. Sandra Hawkins' Making Connections course, who attained their Apple Teacher certification, were honored with lunch with Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Science and a certificate. Eleven total students completed the badge program. Students were offered words of encouragement from Dr. Bradley, Dr. Ron Towery, Interim Chair of Teacher Education, and Ms. Sandra Hawkins. During the luncheon, students discussed how technology has changed and formed their learning since transitioning from high school to A-State. The Apple Teachers also discussed ways they plan to use the technology learned in the near future.



Dean Bradley visiting with students



Ms. Sandra Hawkins with students

Governor's State Coding Competition

Seventeen teams from around the state were invited to attend the 2nd Annual Governor's State Coding Competition on May 5th on the campus of Arkansas State University. This is an initiative of Governor Asa Hutchinson and brought forward by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). Governor Hutchinson was present prior to the awards to attend a special luncheon hosted by Chancellor Damphousse of A-State. The A-State Education Renewal Zone worked in conjunction with ADE and Shane Broadway, A-State System Office, to provide logistics and necessary resources to make the day a success for the students competing.



ADE Leadership Team: Shane Broadway, A-State System , Jill Clogston, Director, A-State Education Renewal Zone, Ivy Pfeffer, ADE Deputy Commissioner, and Anthony Owen, Chief State Officer for STEM



Anthony Owen, Chief State Officer for STEM, Michele Owen, Bryant Schools, Governor Asa Hutchinson, Ivy Pfeffer, ADE Deputy Commissioner, Jill Clogston, A-State Education Renewal Zone, and Kelly Damphousse, Chancellor, A-State

Advanced Placement Honor Roll

Marion High School was one of six recognized at the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll. The honor roll consists of 447 school districts in the U.S. and Canada that simultaneously achieved increases in access to Advanced Placement courses.

Marion High School made the Advance Placement (AP) Honor Roll for 2016-2017. Six school districts in Arkansas were recognized. Marion was the only 30% or higher diversity school to be chosen.

The other school districts recognized were: Bentonville, Diocese of Little Rock Education Office, Harmony Grove, Mountain View, and Paris.

Milken Family Foundation

Ms. Dawn McLain, an alumna of Arkansas State University, was surprised at a school assembly with a Milken Educator Award for 2017.

Ms. McLain is a lead teacher at Lakewood Middle School in North Little Rock, where her primary teaching areas are biology, life science and mathematics at the sixth grade level. She earned a master's degree in gifted, talented and creative education from A-State in 2014. Ms. McLain spends half her day in the classroom, and the remainder of her time mentoring students, novice teachers and educators-in-training. In addition to professional development activities, she sometimes co-teaches with other educators at Lakewood.

Milken Educators are selected in early to mid-career for what they have achieved and for the promise of what they will accomplish. In addition to the \$25,000 prize and public recognition, the honor includes membership in the National Milken Educator Network, a group of more than 2,700 top teachers, principals and specialists dedicated to strengthening education.

More than \$138 million in funding, including \$68 million in individual \$25,000 awards, has been devoted to the overall Awards initiative, which includes powerful professional learning opportunities throughout the recipients' careers. Many have gone on to earn advanced degrees and be placed in prominent posts and on state and national education committees.

Congratulations to Ms. Dawn McLain for receiving such a prestigious award!

Financial Gifts

The Mission of the College of Education and Behavioral Science is to generate and disseminate knowledge through teaching, research and service; and to apply that knowledge to improve education and the quality of life for all individuals in a pluralistic and democratic society. We accomplish this within student-centered, intellectually challenging environments with faculty and staff dedicated to excellence.

We in the College of Education and Behavioral Science would like to sincerely thank each and every alumnus and friend who recently made financial gifts. If you would like to be a part of the exciting things that are happening in the College, you can do so by making a donation. The donations are tax-deductible and provide important support for college-wide initiatives and faculty development. If you would like to help us fulfill our missions, please send your donation to: ASU Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1990, State University, AR 72467. In the memo line indicate the account name for donation. Please include your name, address, phone and email address.

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